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EP 0624508 discloses a locking device which seeks to achieve a tight connection between the switch blade and the stock rail. This is achieved by providing the locking bearing connected to the switch blade with an elongation which presses against a locking support firmly connected to the stock rail when the locking device locks, as a result of which the switch blade pivots about the locking bearing and is pressed tightly against the stock rail.

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